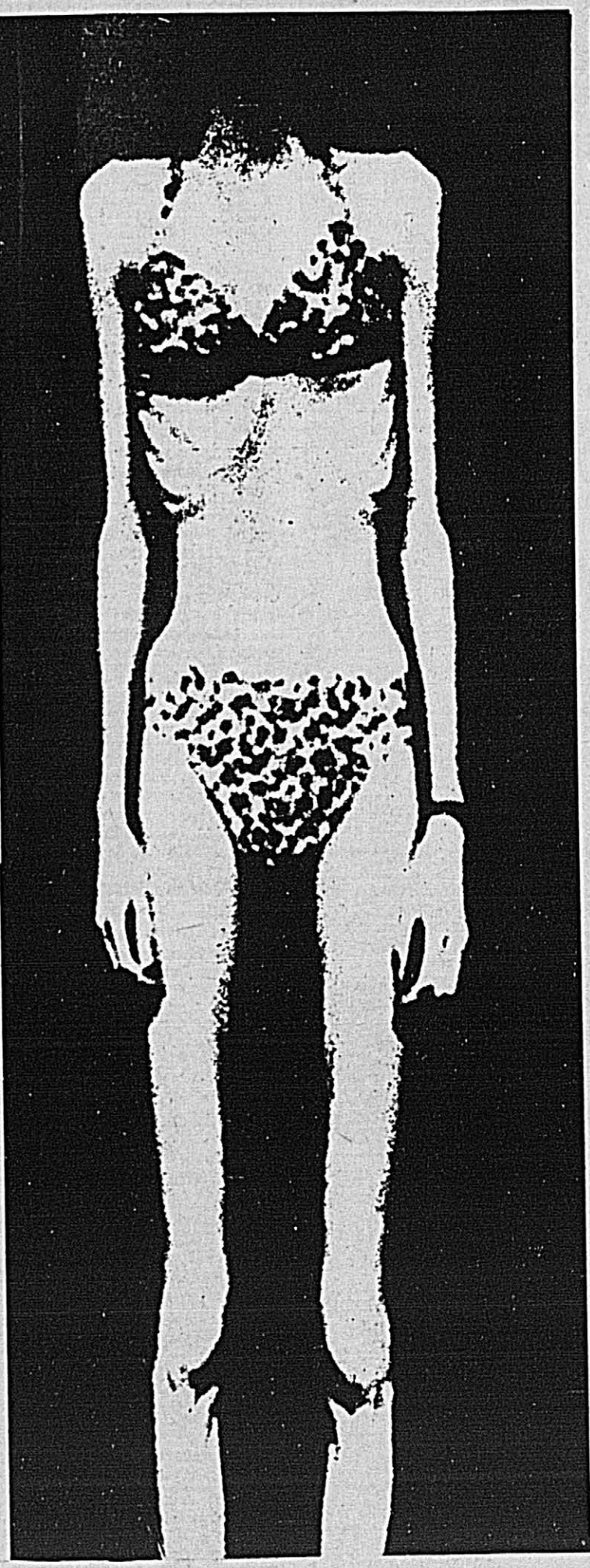

Dying to be thin

by Catherine Bainbridge

She has no breasts. Through the black lace her thin body shows through. She has no hips, no thighs, no ass. She reclines in front of the camera staring beyond it. The lace she models is $349 from Saks, Fifth Avenue. She is 14 years old.

The best models are young. 15 years ago, models were over the hill at 30, today it's more like 18. Everyone knows the look. Tall, nubile, and innocent. Her thin white bones stretch out over the cushion. A barely pubescent girl is the ultimate image that the millions of women who read fashion magazines, pass subway billboards, and watch films, aspire to.

The Ideal Woman has tranformed over the years; in the 30s, she was Mae West, tough and mature. In the 50s and 60s it was Marilyn Munroe, voluptuous and daft, then it was Twiggy, lean and giggly in the 70s. Today, a distant and emaciated 14 year old is our cultural heroine. She looks like an Anorexic.

But how many women over 18 don't have breasts, buttocks and rounded bellies? Many would have to go to extremes to be so thin. According to Kim Chernin, author of The Obesession, a book about womens' fixation with food and dieting, there are a variety of measures women will take; many spend the better part of their day counting calories and avoiding food. Others try laxatives, pills, weight clinics, starvation diets, salad diets, water diets and banana diets. Some get their jaws wired shut, their fat surgically removed, or submit to acupuncture and hypnosis. There is one method many women begin to depend on — they stuff themselves full with food and then throw it all up. They do this regularily.

Bulmarexia, the name for the method, is a disease first diagnosed in the 1970s when doctors observed it was a common condition among women.

Bulmarexics ritually go on binges, holding a spoon or an index finger down their throats to vomit afterwards. Some can get to the point where vomiting doesn't even have to be induced. Bulmarexia is hard to detect as the women usually remain at their normal weight.

Bulmaraexia is vicious cycle of dieting, binging and vomiting. Food is always on your mind. You're frustrated when you can't lose enough weight. Your natural hunger is suppressed. That frustration turns to depression and then you eat.

The anorexic heroine in Vogue

The most severe of eating disorders is anorexia nervosa. Ninety-five per cent of its victims are female. One out of every 250 women of high school and university age develop the disease. Anorexia nervosa is one of the very few psychological diseases that can be fatal. Ten to twenty-five per cent of those who develop it die.

Jennifer Helm, a honours psychology student at Concordia University conducting a study of anorexia says "no one knows why some obsessive dieters develop into anorexics, why they cross the threshold to starvation and sometimes death."

Anorexia is most common among women from upper class and upper middle class familes. They usually come from professional

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"Catching babies"

by Martha Muzycha
for Canadian University Press

The image of birth in our society is not a pleasant one. Womena have their babies plucked from them in a cold, sterile impersonal environment where their needs and wants are ignored, governed by the theory that "doctor knows best." Even when accompanied by the father and prepared for the experience by childbirth, the woman giving birth is placed in an undignified position: flat on her back, feet in stirrups and surrounded by a host of cheerleaders, urging her to push until the triumphant end. The baby is then whisked away to be suctioned, bathed, wrapped and presented like a giftfor the mother's perusal.

Childbirth wasn't always like this. Women healers in the past were well-versed in medicinal herbs which helped ease the pain, and in providing support for the labouring woman. These women were known as midwives — from the Old English words meaning with-woman. This profession, not prostitution, is the oldest profession.

But in the modern delivery room there are no midwives and despite progress in humanizing women's experience in childbirth, it remains an uncomfortable and even traumatic experience. The question of 'what if' hangs over many women as their problems remain unanswered, unaddressed and unexplained.

In the past fifteen years, midwifery has been revived, in part to in response address concerns about dehumanized childbirth and in part to challenge male-dominated obstetrics, which has made the normal function of childbirth a disease to be treated with drugs and technology. The role of the midwife as the guardian of a normal birth has been lost in the effort to guarantee every women a safe, healthy baby.

Maureen Kellerman, an Ottawa childbirth educator and member of the Midwifery Task Force of Ontario, says the rebirth of midwifery is a result of changes in attitudes towards healthcare.

"Traditionally, the kind of care given to women was quite paternalistic. Doctors did not give women a lot of information

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Quick cash scheme: you lose

Students are being ripped off by an illegal pyramid scheme which is sweeping McGill and Concordia University campuses.

Hundreds of people this semester have participated in the popular money-making scheme, which promises a chance to "get rich quick" with very little risk.

A two hundred dollar investment, organisers say, is guaranteed a return of $2,000 within three weeks. "It's as sure as Reagan's victory in the last election. Nobody loses," said one of the organizers.

But, according to Constable Vermette of the MUC morality squad, "There's always some losers when you have a pyramid. Every pyramid has to break sometime and, when it does, everybody at the bottom gets screwed."

Those at the top may also lose, if someone lower down on the pyramid runs off with the money. The top person will have already paid out in expectation of recouping their losses once they reach the top.

At McGill, pyramids are commonplace, according to an employee at Gerts. "You can hardly walk through the corridors around here without so-

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New and improved P.C.

by Rodger Madden

McGill got its first look at one of Brian Mulroney's bright new Conservative last Thursday. Sponsored by P.C. McGill, Jean Charest, member of parliament for Montréal's Sherbrooke riding showed himself to be more than a traditional Tory.

For most of the 90 minutes, Charest spoke about the new mentality which has swept Québec. He identifies this new mentality as being manifested primarily by the lessening interest in independence.

He says Québécois are now more concerned with industrial strategy, employment and other economic issues. He believes this redirection of interest was reflected in the election of 58 Tory MPs on September 4th.

On specific economic policy, Charest said little outside of the standard Tory "Economic growth and prosperity depends on the private sector."

He does admit, though, the success of the Conservatives was due to Mulroney's ability to move the party to the centre, into traditional Liberal territory.

He believes Canada is facing a structural unemployment problem that cannot be solved by short-term measures such as deficit spending. He indicated a possible solution would be a reduced work week, a policy currently being proposed by Québec's youth party, le Regroupement Autonome des Jeunes (RAJ) .

Charest hinted that he stands alone on this issue within the Tory ranks, so we should not expect this type of job sharing concept to even reach a serious stage of discussion within the Conservative caucus.

In this respect individual input into government policy will be non-existent he said.

"The line of authority is very clear...We know who's in charge," said Charest.

Alluding to the short-lived government of Joe Clark, Charest said this time around the PCs were not going to make the mistake of letting the civil service run roughshod over its elected bosses. On this basis he defended the raise in cabinet ministers' pay.

Although he has had little contact with Mulroney since the election, Charest claims that all ministers are accessible and open for consultation.

He said the PC's present inaccessibility to the commercial media is necessary. The new government will not run the risk of being misrepresented to the people of Canada, "A lot of journalists are misinformed and not intelligent." he said.

Charest defended this opinion of the press as being grounded in experience. He worked for Joe Clark's campaign to retain the Tory leadership in 1983 and found press coverage of the campaign to be biased at best .

Charest was cagey about provincial politics. He said a constitutional agreement worked out between the federal Conservatives and the Bourassa Liberals would not go over well with Québécois. He characterized the provincial Liberals as a party which moves about the political spectrum as they see fit — not guided by any real principles.

In one sense Charest can be seen as representative of the new breed of Québec Tories. His belief that abortion is an issue best left up to the individual is certainly not traditional conservative thinking.

He finished his talk by warning students to hold the new government to their promise of continued funding for universities.

DAILY PHOTO/OWEN EGAN

Students test nuclear safety suits for secret project spraying new, last, one step "RADIATION AWAY". No, seriously, a grafitti-removing expert, hired by McGill, is shown chemically elimininating the writing on Leacock wall. The grafitti read, "Our river is sacred. Don't let it be damned. Stop Project Archipel."

Engineer paper lets hate out of bag

by Peter Kuitenbrouwer for Canadian University Press

Three students and one group at Concordia University have filed complaints against the November, 1984 issue of the Engineering and Computer Science Students' newspaper, calling the newspaper racist, sexist, homophobic and libellous.

The students objected to an article discussing ways the cartoon character Fred Flintstone had sex with his wife, Wilma. "This intrusion was supposedly accomplished with the aid of carpenter's clamps and vices which stretched Wilma to insane proportions to accomodate Fred," the article read.

Karen Herland, one of the students filing suit with the Concordia student association Judicial Board, wrote in her complaint, "granted this refers to a pair of animated people, however the violence of the language and the assumptions are based on stereotypes that are very real."

Another complaint referred to a cartoon which says, "I have nothing against the women's movement, I love a woman's movement."

Peter Byrne, president of Concordia's Engineering and Computer Sciences Students' Association (ECSA), believes the judicial board plaintiffs simply can't appreciate "the Bogge type of humour.

"My personal feeling is that some people don't like this newspaper just like some people don't like the Link (the main newspaper at Concordia)," Byrne said.

"To me it just shows that some people can't handle the satire. Do they ever pick up Mad Magazine?".

Last semester Concordia's student judicial board defined sexism as "the assumption of

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This could be a case for the McGill Ombudsman

by Theodora Welch

If you think you've been unjustly marked on an exam or term paper, or had your coat misplaced by Gertrudes Pub coatcheck, the Ombudsman is a student that can help you.

The Office of the Ombudsman is usually seen as a last resort for students having problems with the University Administration or the Students' Society, but this is not how 1984 Ombudsmen David Gibson and David Rose see their role.

Gibson believes his task is to help direct students towards the proper grievance procedures as soon as they encounter any problem, not simply when the student sees no further options. Rose and Gibson can either intervene personally on the students' behalf, or refer the student to someone who can deal directly with their problem.

But Gibson believes their mandate is rather vague when dealing with students faced with bureaucratic problems.

"We can do a minimum or get invoved in almost anything", said Gibson.

Since the beginning of October, the Ombudsmen have been involved in about nineteen cases.

"We've been quite busy this year, but we haven't turned anyone away," Gibson said.

In October, Dave Reilly, a McGill student, was hurt when he fell from the third floor of the Union building during a management party. Subsequently, at the urging of the Ombudsmen the Students' Society set up a committee on alcohol abuse.

Last week, Gibson was involved in a case where a student was seriously misdirected by their academic advisor. The student was advised to take certain courses to graduate. The student was informed after the drop/add period that the courses were no good for their diploma. The course sheet signed by the advisor had also been lost. The case is still being investigated by the Ombudsmen.

"I have seen a lot of things that I think just can't go on in a university — but it does," said Gibson.

However, "the faculties have their own cases to plead", said Gibson, as the faculty members aren't necessarily at fault in every grievance.

So far Gibson is quite pleased about the work he's been able to do for students.

"We've had some very successful cases, but there are situations that require a great deal of compromise", Gibson said.

"It's a forty hour a week job, but I'd much rather do this than be president of the Students' Society.".

To get in touch with the Ombudsmen, call 392-8921 or 392-8922, or come to Union 414. All enquries will be treated in complete confidence.

Food brought up at council meeting

by Amy Kaler

The settlement of the recent strike by food and beverage workers was the subject of question at last Thursday's McGill Students' Society (MSS) council meeting, which was more often characterised by procedural bickering than by intelligent debate.

The contract agreement between MSS and les Services alimentaire CVC which ended the strike last Wednesday is privileged information, said Vice-President University Affairs Ron Leber, and not available to students.

"We don't want to make copies of the contract available and have them all over the place," said vice president finance Scott Keating.

When councillor James Green raised the point that, as CVC is financially responsible to MSS, the only way of knowing if the contract was consistent with those reponsibilities was to see the contract, Keating said he would ask both the union and CVC for permission to make a few copies of the contract available, but only to councillors.

Students who came to the meeting with questions about the strike and its settlement were told to submit them in writing, but were not guaranteed a response.

Keating acknowledged there have been problems with the quality of the food since CVC took over.

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...quick cash

Pyramids are illegal under the Canadian Criminal Code. Organisers or participants in a pyramid are liable to imprisonment for 2 years.

In 1980, MUC police made the biggest pyramid bust in Montréal's history when they rounded up 225 people and $155,000 cash in one night. All those arrested were fined the amount they had paid into the pyramid, with the exception of the leader who was fined $10,000.

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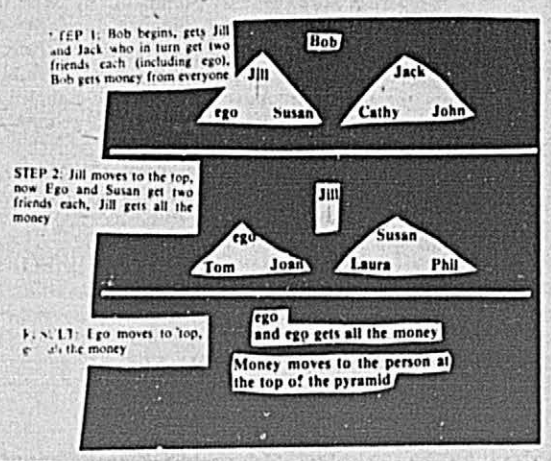

DAILY COMMENT

CVC ad

On Friday 15 November, the night production staff of *The McGill Daily* voted 5-1 to reject an advertisement brought in that afternoon by Les Services Alimentaires CVC. The ad, which read, *"FACT" The only issue is the preservation of student jobs*, was CVC's response to the then on-going strike by the 44 unionized CVC cafeteria staff.

The *Daily* staff found the ad to be misleading and factually inaccurate. The ONLY issue was not the preservation of student jobs. The main issue at the bargaining table was job security for the full-time staff. Granting job security would not threaten the existence of the 200 part-time student jobs. CVC was also attributing this "loss of student jobs" to an indentifiable group. That group, the full time workers, was at the time walking a picket line outside the Union Building. The ad laid no grounds for any type of constructive dialogue between students and the workers.

Based on this criteria, the staff exercised our right as a newspaper to "to reject, discontinue or omit any advertisement or to cancel any advertising contract for reasons satisfactory to the publisher without notice and penalty to either party" (a right claimed not only by *The McGill Daily*, but one that can be found on the advertising circulars of *The Montreal Gazette*). The ad was rejected because it was not representative of the reasons for the strike nor was it fair to both sides (workers and CVC) involved in the dispute.

We were not acting as some moralizing force attempting to exercise a right to censorship, but simply following our own policy regarding misleading advertising.

If you have any questions regarding the *Daily*'s advertising policies, please feel welcome to discuss it with us any weekday down in the *Daily* office (Union B-03).

The staff of The McGill Daily

Confessions of a lurker.

You might see me sometimes. I walk the halls of McGill. I creep up stairs in the union building. I sit in an empty classroom. Although you might recognise me you never will say hello to me. I am a lurker. I live in a haze in the back of the classroom. I'm the one who gets dragged out of Gertrudes on Wednesday nights. I pretend I puke outside. But I don't fool anybody. I'm nobody really. Just an absence. A hole that walks around. Im not stupid mind you. I'm learning plenty in this quiet still airless world. I'm suffocating slowly. Very slowly. By the time I get my degree I imagine I'll be dead, on my feet.

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HYDE PARK

On November 22, 1984, Lebanon commemorated its forty-first year of independence. To celebrate its independence is a farce. Over two years have elapsed and Israel is still occupying the south, the western Biqa and Rachia. The invasion and the subsequent occupation has cost the Lebanese and Palestinian population over 20,000 casualites and has created over 60,000 refugees, in addition material damage has amounted to over U.S. $12 billion.

If we were to believe the Israeli government's claims that the elimination of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the achievement of secure northern borders are its real objectives, then we would be baffled by Israel's continuous occupation of the southern part of Lebanon. In the past year, western military officers have counted at least 430 attacks, killing 65 Israeli soldiers and wounding 387. Since the invasion in June of 1982 over 600 Israeli troops have been killed and 3,500 wounded. During the 12 years of the military presence of the PLO in south Lebanon, 160 soldiers and 294 civilians were killed; 720 soldiers and 1,117 civilians were wounded. These figures obviously demonstrate that Israel has not saved more lives, by any measure; hence its security is non-existent. Its mothers have lost more sons and daughters since the invasion of Lebanon than in the 12 years of "terrorist" activities on their nothern border.

An estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Israeli soldiers hold a population of 700,000 hostages. As resistance mounts, the occupation grows more repressive. Israel's occupation policies in south Lebanon have been characterized by repressive practices similar to those used by Israeli military authorities in the West Bank and Gaza strip. Their acts of aggression are numerous: 1)Israel's blocking of all access roads to the south has led to the complete isolation of the region from the other parts of Lebanon. 2) The destruction of walls surrounding orchards along the coastal roads of the south and the uprooting of trees there has contributed directly to the economic stagnation of Lebanon. 3) Southern ports have been blockaded, thus intensifying the strangulation of the country already caused by the closing of inland access roads. 4) Fishermen have been prevented from practicing their trade, thus depriving the poorer classes of their only means of livelihood 5) In the larger cities, there has been indiscriminate firing on civilians.

6) The homes of peaceful citizens have been violated. Terorist attacks have been carried out against them by Israeli soldiers, who do not hesitate to use any methods to achieve their "searches".

7) The South Lebanon Army (SLA) under the leadership of Antoine Lahd (retired Lebanese general) has taken on the role of the late Sa'ad Haddad's militia. It works for Israeli interests and it has been entrusted by Israel to carry out outrageous acts against Lebanese and Palestinian civilians.

8) There has been indiscriminate aerial bombing of Lebanese cities and towns. One example occured on June 27, 1984 on the Araneb Island four miles northwest of the northern port city of Tripoli. 9) Israel's actions extend to cases of imprisonment without trial, e.g. Ansar, cases of detention, e.g. brutal interrogation and lack of freedom of expression, and violation of religious institutions.

10) Another method of repression is the censorship of the press. Foreign journalists are only allowed to come in to the Israeli occupied areas of Lebanon via Israel and only with a military escort from the Israeli Army Spokesman's office. Thus, all reports on southern Lebanon reach us only after passing through Israeli military censors.

11) Israel's shortage of water has led it to exploit Lebanon's Litani river by diverting its waters.

12) The economic invasion of Lebanon is equally as dangerous as the military occupation by Israel of Lebanon. Israeli tactics are centered on a two-tiered disruption of the southern Lebanese economy. First, the Israelis have been destroying the means agricultural and industrial production in the south. Second the Israelis are complementing their destruction of the indigenous Lebanese economy with a corresponding invasion of Israeli products.

In remembering Lebanon's independence day, and reasserting its demand for territorial integrity and full sovereignty, the Concordia and McGill Arab Students Association urges all who are concerned with human rights and peace to attend a lecture and a slide show depicting life in the Israeli occuped Lebanon; it will be given by Chris George a former American Friends Service Committee field person in southern Lebanon. He was there from November 1982 to May 1984. The event will take place on Tuesday Nov. 27, at 19h30 in Stuart Biology Bldg. Rm S14, 1205 Dr. Penfield (between Peel and Stanley).

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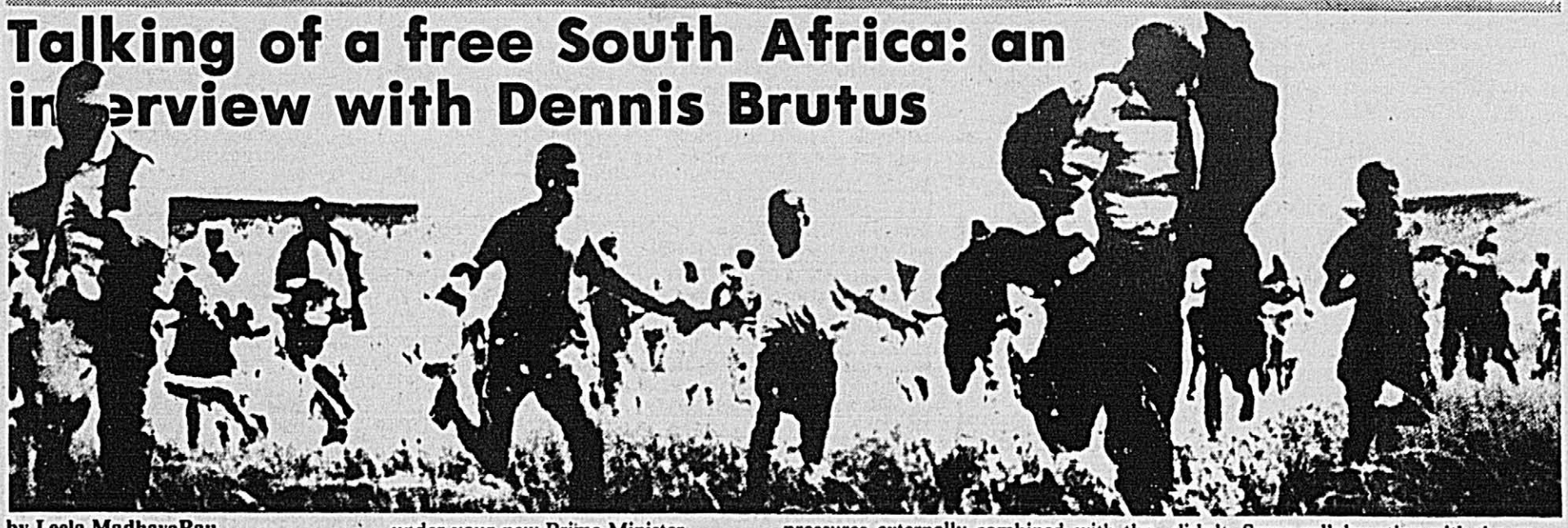
Talking of a free South Africa: an interview with Dennis Brutus



by Leela MadhavaRau

Dennis Brutus is a South African anti-apartheid activist. Thus, it goes without saying that he lives in exile.

He is also a renowned poet, writing on the politics and means of oppression. Many of his poems concentrate South Africa, however others focus on the right wing juntas of South America.

Brutus was well aware of McGill's involvement in corporations with interests in South Africa and was therefore able to zero in on McGill as the focus for his speeches. Brutus' intensity and concentration when speaking gave his remarks further impact.

The following quotes are a melange from a poetry reading, a personal interview and an videotaped interview conducted by Robert Maxwell of the Black Community Communications Media's show Black Is during Brutus'visit to Montréal last week.

What is the current situation in South Africa and how long will the government hold out?

The apartheid regime is nearer the edge of collapse than it has been for 20 years. In 1960, when 69 people were protesting the pass laws were murdered at Sharpeville, the apartheid laws had to be abandoned. $160 million left the country back to the United States in one week.

Since mid-August police have been unable to contain the situation. They have been forced to call out 7,000 troops to surround one village.

If the challenge continues, if we can demonstrate that the government is not capable of governing, it will collapse.

Besides poetry, what activities are you involved in?

Actually poetry is a comparatively small part of what I do. I work with those attempting to get the churches to divest, talking to boards of directors, etc. I have also talked at General Motors stockholder meetings. I talk a lot about divestment as well as cultural boycotts.

I was pretty well responsible for getting South Africa out of the Olympics and making sure that South Africa stayed out. In 1984, I talked to William Simon, who is the head of the American Olympic Committee and also, I read, a benefactor to this phony student paper on your campus, this paper whose inspiration is from outside Canada but poses as originating here. He assured us that he would not move to get South Africa back into the Olympics. You probably remember the boycott by 29 African countries in the 1976 Olympics over the South Africa issue.

I appeared in Washington two weeks ago, at my own expense, in front of a congressional committee discussing apartheid. It (the government's attitude towards increasing aid to the white government of South Africa) is worse under Reagan, as I expect it will be here under your new Prime Minister.

How important are our efforts here?

What Canada says, what Montréal says and what McGill says are important. It gives those fighting for freedom the morale and courage to continue. Many changes in history have been through the actions of small groups.

Will the new tri-cameral legislature (in which "coloureds" and Asians may hold seats) lessen the white hold on power or divide the non-white population?

This is an attempt to divide the oppressed, to co-opt one section and use them against the rest of the black population. This will move them from the camp of the oppressed to the camp of the oppressor. It may generate very serious conflicts but will not turn people's energy away from fighting oppression.

Is the white population now placed on the defensive?

Whites are a small proportion of the total population. The latest census figures register approximately 16.2 per cent whites. Such a minority against the majority population is in deep trouble. The white army, if tested all over the country, could not cope. This realization brought up the notion of creating a black middle class who would have a stake in the pie, a motivation to maintain the system.

Why have efforts, from outside, to end the system not be successful?

Efforts have not failed, they just haven't been tried. A complex of pressures externally combined with the internal pressures would force change.

If Canadians were aware of the extent to which Canada is involved, they would provide pressure. If they knew their bank was lending money to South Africa, if sufficient people knew...People profess they believe in democracy and humane values, you can't rest easy once you know where your money is going. It challenges people to be sincere or hypocritical.

At McGill, you must talk tough. If all students stayed away from the university, it would bring the university to a standstill. Talking would get them anywhere, their interest is profit, not philanthropy.

Can ordinary citizens do anything about the situation in South Africa?

People should be challenged as individuals, if Canadians tell their government. They should get the government to go to the United Nations. In Viet Nam when thousands protested it was a decisive influence on the States. If you say you're a democracy, you should express the will of the people.

When one plant closes in Montréal, another opens elsewhere, probably in the oppressed countries, where there is labour to be exploited. There is a direct connection between unemployment in the West and exploitation elsewhere.

What do you think about the recent expansion of South Africa into the front-line states (nations which border on South Africa)?

It is a consequence of U.S. policy, under Reagan's 'constructive engagement' policy, the United States is pumping in money to allow South Africa to rule the entire region. The racist regime in Pretoria has been built up to be the policeman of 60 million Africans.

However, South Africa argues that there are no internal problems, only those from the external forces. But there is an escalation of the conflict in South Africa.

How do you feel about those blacks who join the army or the police force?

It is unfortunate and one wishes they didn't. Some collaborating with the oppressors will be brought to justice in a democratic South Africa.

You see the same in the United States with young black males joining the army because there are no other jobs. The government has created such economic hardship that there are no other jobs for them. It is different for those working for the police.

Do you feel optimistic about the chances of the present government being overthrown?

I am quite sure that we will win in time. There will be a free and democratic South Africa.

THE MOB

The white crowd who attacked those who protested on the Johanesburg City Hall steps against the Sabotage Bill.

These are the faceless horrors
that people my nightmares
from whom I turn to wakefulness
for comforting

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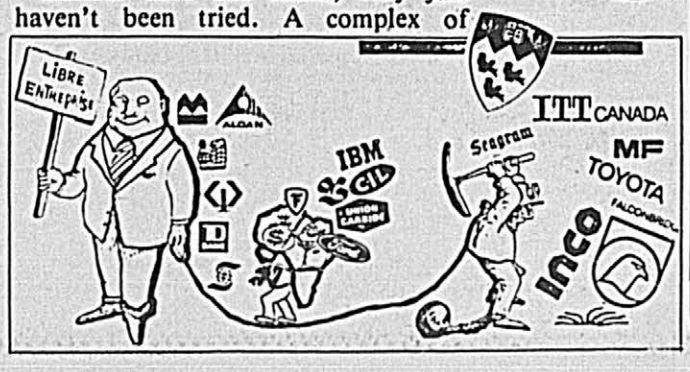
and saurian-lidded stares
of my irrational terrors
from whom in dreams I run.

O my people

O my people
what have you done
and where shall I find comforting
to smooth awake your mask of fear
restore your face, your faith, feeling, tears.

May 1962
Dennis Brutus



...grab bag

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the inherent superiority of one sex over the other."

Requests for judicial board action if the case is heard and the ECSA is found guilty of sexism include freezing of the ECSA budget and punitive action against the association's executive.

Concordia's Quebéc Public Interest Group (Q-PIRG), which was attacked in almost each of the Bogge News' eight pages, also filed one of the suits.

"The group felt there was a lot of hate espoused in this Bogge News," Dan Berman, a second year Social Science student at Concordia and member of Q-PIRG, said.

Berman said the Engineering students are hostile to Q-PIRG because of a referendum last year, which the group sponsored, to make Concordia a military-free zone. The referendum passed narrowly.

"A lot of military research goes to engineering and computer science," Berman said.

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372 — LOST & FOUND

Lost: I lost a pair of blue ski gloves in Leacock 132 on Weds. Nov. 14. Call Neal 489-1162.

LOST: One gold watch, possibly in Stewart Biology Building or McIntyre Library. It doesn't work anyway, so please call Kim at 683-3658 if found.

Reward offered for the return of a green knapsack lost in Gerts Sat Nov. 17. Call John 288-7459.

374 — PERSONAL

There are only 7 issues left of the McGill Daily until the winter break. get your ads in now! (issues Nov 22, 26, 28, 29, Dec 3, 5, 6)

Thank you, thank you to the wonderful person who found my wallet last Thursday in McLennan. I kiss your feet in gratitude (speaking figuratively)—Jennifer.

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LETTERS

To the Daily:

I was very pleased to see your article on IEA funding of right wing campus papers. It is extremely important for potential readers of these mags to know where their money comes from, if we are to judge their contents in context. The fact that the funding is American certainly makes a difference to me. The fact that Willliam Simon is the head of the IEA is even more interesting, considering that he has also headed various other reactionary efforts, such as the lay Catholics' organisation, which has opposed the American Bishops' report castigating the U.S. government for its neglect of the poor, and the campaign to allow the racist South African regime back into the Olympic (which failed).

If Canadian right wing papers are really serving a community within Canada, and especially considering their emphasis on reporting only campus news, why can't they raise Canadian money?

This is just one more example of American hegemony over Canadian political and economic interests. Thank you for such a timely story.

Elise Moser
BA 1984

To the Daily:

So Dr. Helen Caldicott (President of Physicians for Social Responsibility) thinks that President Reagan is sufering from a bad case of paranoia? (Daily, Nov. 21). I find that ironic coming from a woman who predicts a nuclear war within the next four years and who applauds the ridiculous decision by students at Brown University to have cyanide pills handy for mass suicide in case of a nuclear attack. Indeed, Caldicott seems to spread paranoia wherever she goes. Recently, she sauntered into a Maine junior high school and terrified the children by telling them, that in the event of a nuclear strike, they would become "charcoal steaks" and that their eyes would "literally melt down their cheeks". Caldicott went on to compare Ronald Reagan to Jim Jones and the United States to Nazi Germany. The turmoil left in her wake was so great that Maine Senator William Cohen felt compelled to go to the school and try to calm the frightened students. Dr. Caldicott is truly a disgrace to all those who desire a just and lasting peace.

Kevin Dias
U1 Arts

OUR DAILY SLASH

To the Daily:

The article the "U.S. Institute Behind Canadian Magazines" (Daily, 19 Nov., 1984) contains a number of statements that are either false, misleading or irrelevant. I came up with quite a list:

1)The Institute for Educational Affairs is called "A powerful American organisation with ties to the Republican Party". The IEA could more accurately be described as an obscure American organisation. By the standards of American political foundations it is neither large nor influencial. The IEA is only tied to the Republican Party in that some individuals asssociated with one are also associated with the other. By this standard The American Olympic Committee, of which William Simon is Chairman, is tied to the Republican Party.

2)The juxtaposition of Phillip Marcus' statement about 'McCarthy tactics' with the sentence "The IEA also gives advice to the editors of these papers" is misleading. I have never spoken with Mr. Marcus, nor have I received any political or editorial advice from anyone at the IEA.

3)The statement that the McGill Magazine and the University of Toronto Magazine "run many similar articles" is false. The vast majority of the McGill Magaziine's articles are written by McGill students without outside collaboration. The subjects discussed are the only possible similarity between our articles and UTM's. By this standard, MM's articles are similar to the Daily articles.

4)"This year, all three Magazines accused the three leaders of Canada's main political parties of being 'liberals'," states your article. Both MM and UTM have commented upon the ideological leanings of Canada's political leaders. But UTM's article (UTM Sept./84, p.2) reaches conclusions opposite to those of MM (MM, Oct./84, p.6). And I have never accused Ed Broadbent of being a liberal.

5)The article states "All three IEA funded newspapers have been directed by students connected to prominent Canadians," and goes on to mention Linda Frum's mother, among others. Are the social postions of one's parents related to the validity of one's opinions?

6)"In 1982, the IEA...held a seminar for college students..." The IEA's activities in the 1982 are not relevant to MM or UTM, neither of which had been conceived of at the time. No one from the MM, nor to my knowledge, UTM has been invited to any such event.

7)An un-named person is quoted as saying "They (the IEA) said they'd take care of (the money)". I wish I'd been told that. Like many student groups the McGill Magazine is not rich, and can use all the financial help it can get. We will take the money from anyone, and the editorial advice from no one.

Your article creates the impression — deliberately or otherwise — that MM, UTM and Libertas are poodles of the IEA, In fact the three were established independently; are very different in form and content; have editorial policies determined by their student editors; and rely for funding upon voluntary contributions from a number of sources,

Mark Proudman
Editor, McGill Magazine

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Birth without doctors?

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about what they were experiencing and certainly did not give them a lot of choices," Kellermann says.

According to the Taskforce of Ontario, Canada is only one of nine countries in the World Health Organization who have no provisions for midwifery in their health care systems. The others are Venezuela, Panama, New Hebrides, El Salvador, Domnican Republic, Colombia, Burundi and British Honduras.

Those countries without legalised midwifery have constantly better birth outcomes than those without, according to Health and Welfare Canada statistics. Canada's infant mortality rate is 9.6 per thousand, while in Sweden, the rate was 7.0 and in the Netherlands it was 8.2. Barrington says Sweden rates are the best in the world for birth outcomes, where every woman is under the care of a midwife. Other outcomes of midwife care, cited by the MTF, include reductions in fetal distress, the rates of episiotomies, caesarian sections, inducitons and increases in the tolerations of discomfort.

Midwives are allowed to practice quasi-legally only in Northern Ontarion and Newfoundland because doctors are scarce in isolated areas. Newfoundland nurses have midwifery training.

In two of the three Maritime provinces, there are five midwives, two in Prince Edward Island and three in Nova Scotia. The three midwives in Nova Scotia were charged two years ago with criminal negeligence in the death of a baby. They were acquitted this year at a preliminary hearing although every midwife practicing in Canada today runs the risk of being charged.

In Québec, midwives are known as sages femmes, or wise women. Their association, Naissance Renaissance is lobbying for recognition and legal status as independent health care practitioners. Under the Québec Medical Act, doctors can give midwives licence to practice, and formal nursing training is not a prerequisite.

There is strong support for midwives in Ontario, where roughly 30 midwives practice.

In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, there are eight midwives. A six hour television series called Giving Birth Today has aired twice to favourable reviews.

British Columbia midwives recently had their own association accepted by the international section of the prestigious International Confederation of Midwives. About fifteen midwives practice in BC, where there has been talk of opening a midwifery school.

Most lobbying for midwifery is concentrated on a provincial level, because the provinces determine what constitutes a health care professional, says Dr. Philip Bannister, the senior medical consultant for Health and Welfare Canada. He believes there is a role for midwives, but believes the reponsibilities of obstetricians, nurses and midwives must be established first.

The Canadian Medical Association believes midwifery involves a risk which is unacceptable to their membership. "We don't think it is in the best interests of the Canadian people to change (to permit midwifery)," says Douglas Geekie, Director of Comunications for the CMA.

"Midwifery, as defined by the provincial medical acts, is something which can be done only by a truly licensed physician who is qualified and trained in this particular area." Geekie said the CMA is afraid midwives lack of training in proper medical techniques could mean danger for the mother and child.

Holly Nimmons, co-ordiantor of the Toronto NTF, says a nurse with obstetrical skills does not necessarily have the skills to be a good midwife.

"The profession of midwifery is more than just nursing skills, plus there is the image of nurses working under the superiority of male doctors," Nimmons said.

With the role or the midwife defined and some inroads made into accepting the midwife onto the obstetrics team, a major obstacle is the image of the midwife. Sheila Kitzinger, a British childbirth educator and midwifery supporter raised the question of image in the midwifery movement at the MNA panel discussion.

"The first image is a vicious old meddler, a meddlesome midwife, a witch," Kitzinger explained. "The second image is the romantic image of the warm wisewoman, gathering and proparing her herbs, comforting and knowing exactly what a woman is feeling. And the third image, which the North American continent hasn't yet come to, is quite common in certain parts of Europe and in Australia: the cool professional expert, equal of any doctor, who sits in front of a bank of remote electronic fetal monitors,making management decisions while all the processes of labour are under microchip."

There are other midwives too who do not match the stereotypes: the birth assistants, the monitrices, the labour coaches. Rhonda McAllister (not her real name) is a midwife who practicves in a small conservative community in Central Canada. She operates a clinic, works to establish communication with doctors and nurses, and maintains and refreshed her midwifery skills constantly. "You're open constantly to criticism; there is no room for error. You must not only strive for excellence, you must always reach that point. The moment you make an error, you have both consumers unhappy and the medical profession unhappy. It relfects upon your community of midwives as a whole, it reflects provincially. The stress level of this job is just incredible," she says.

When something goes wrong, there is even more stress placed on the midwife. Donna Marie Carpenter was one of three midwives charged with criminal negligence after the death at six months of a baby they had delivered. The past year has been a stressful one for her, she says, because it was difficult to get back into things and carry on a normal life.

"I certainly wondered 'What am I going to do? Am I going to make it as a midwife or am I going to drop out?' It only took me a minute to say, I'm going ahead."

Not all midwives see midwifery in a glowingly rosy light. Kay Matthews, a British trained nurse and midwife who has worked as an obstetrical nurse in St. John's, Newfoundland, says Canadian women idealise midwives whereas in Britain they are just part of the maternity care scene. The idolising of midwives can be a big ego trip, Matthews says, but midwives have to keep it in perspective and concentrate on the important thing — catching babies.

Midwives say they "catch" babies rather than deliver them. "Catching" implies there is an active role taken by the women in labour, rather than having the baby passively taken from her or "delivered".

Matthews says she wants a more humanised birth setting in the hospital so midwives can work with the obstetrics team to a common goal."I'm emotionally committed to home birth but there is just no way it is as safe — so I suppose what I am committed to is making hospital as homelike as possible."

Perhaps the most important aspect of the midwifery debate is the recognition that there is something seriously wrong with the way women are treated in childbirth, long considered one of the most fufilling roles for women.

As Sheila Kitzinger says, midwives are questioning the obstetrical dogma which has governed childbirth, They are learning from those directly invloved in the process — mothers.

"As midwives and mothers share their learning today, what we are really witnessing is the rebirth of birth."

...dying to be thin

Anorexia is most common among women from upper class and upper middle class familes. They usually come from professional backgrounds. They often lack self-esteem, but strive for perfection in everything they do.

An anorexic is characterised by a) an intense fear of becoming fat that does not lessen with weight loss, b) loss of 25 per cent of entire body weight, c) an inability to correctly identify their body size and d) no known physical illness. The women also refuse to believe anything is wrong with them. Quite frequently they believe those trying to help them are jealous of their dieting discipline.

These women deplete stores of fat and eventually eat away muscle tissue. Anorexics literally cannibalise their own bodies. "At first they look like teenage boys — then like concentration camp victims," Helm said

Anorexia nervosa is a misnomer. The latin root means "nervous loss of appetite" but Helm says, "these young women are constantly hungry and are literally starving themselves to death."

There is little agreement over the causes of the disease. Modern pychoanalysis sees the main cause as an oppressive conditions in the family — demanding parents, high expectations with little support or encouragement. This results in a feeling of helplessness, a fear of growing up and a fear of losing control of your life.

Some feminists claim Anorexia results from a rigidly confining society, where women have no power over their own lives. For someone who is unhappy and doesn't know how to accomplish anything, to have control over your body becomes an extreme accomplishment. This pride of discpline has to be based on a profound hatred of the women's body. Anorexics do not fear growing up, they fear becoming a woman.

Helm is less certain of why extreme dieting conditions, like Bulmarexia, lead to its deadly cousin Anorexia, or why Anorexia occurs at all.

"It is probably a combination of things," she said. "Little boys are given a lot of responsibility and freedom very early, and although it is changing, girls are not. Anorexics feel everyone else is in control of their life and they're not. They spend years and years trying to second guess what people want of them," she said.

"They master their body as a substitute for control in their life. Society has got something to do with it. It's hard to walk out the door without seeing an ad that says skinny is beautiful," she added.

In a culture where everyone seems preoccupied with women's bodies, a women who cannot bring herself close to the present female ideal cannot feel comfortable with her body.

Chernin says; "but how amazing this must seem when we remember the paintings of Renoir, the man who claims that without the female body he would never have become a painter. The women he describes are nubile, abundant, teeming, swelling."

What bad taste.

For more information on Anorexia, or if you are interested in research on body image perception call Jennifer Helm at 933-2652.

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"(The decline in food quality) is the result of growing pains," he said. "We're committed over the next few months to bringing that quality back."

He refuted rumours that insectides were being used near food preparation areas.

"It's inconceivable that CVC or MSS would ever use anything that violates the law in any way. We need more than unfounded allegations."

Later in the meeting, council unanimously passed a resolution recommending to the Senate that they support the readmission of Judith Blasser to the Dentistry Faculty. Blasser is in the process of appealing a 1982 expulsion from the dentistry faculty which she claims is the result of personal animosity rather than academic imcompetence. She also claims the dentistry faculty has been unreasonably prolonging the appeal procedure. This is the first time council has taken a stand on her case.

The meeting was marred throughout by outbursts of temper and personal hostility. The low point was reached when speaker Ian Bandeen allegedly threatened a councillor outside the meeting room with physical violence, after the councillor walked out of the meeting.

Bandeen later acknowledged he had been rash, but did not hand over the chair while a motion of censure against him as a result of the alleged threat was being discussed.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Interested in art? Come see the Chinese Art Exhibit in Room 107/108 of the Union Building, Wednesday November 28th. 12:00-4:00. Free admit.

Guitarist Bertrand will be appearing in the Alley, Tuesday, November 27th. Two sets will be performed: 12-12:45 and 1-1:45. Free admit.

Party Ski. Sugarloaf/USA. Jan 1-6. $194US includes everything but food. Last day for deposits is Thurs. Sign up at the Union lobby. Thurs. Nov 22 11:30-1pm.

catch the Christmas spirit. KKG, AG's Annual Food Drive. Monday Nov. 26-Friday Nov 30. Union Building. Help out with food, money donations. (Canned preferred).

389 — MUSICIANS WANTED

United Irish Societies needs singers, musicians and dancers to continue their entertainment program for charitable causes. Phone evenings; Rosemary Elson: 937-1750; Brian Broden: 465-3421.

EVENTS

McGill Christian fellowship lunch hour discussion. Bring your lunch for informal discussion on various topics. Mondays at noon, Newman Centre Green Room.

Song interpretation and lieder class eight voice and piano pairs at Pollack Hall , 20h00.

Guitar solos by David Gaudreau and Jitka Kalibanova, Recital Hall, 20h00.

Savoy Society Rehearsal tonight at 19h00 for women and leads, for men at 20h00 in union 302.

Gays and Lesbians of McGill is holding a general meeting tonight at 18h30 in Union 425. Provisions for the December 14 Christmas dance will be discussed.

TUESDAY

Guitarist Bertrand in the Alley. Two sets, 24h00 to 00h45, and 01h00 to 01h45. Free admission.

Pollack Hall Claire Guimond, baroue flute, Betsy MacMillan, viola da gamba, and Hank Knox, continuo and harpischord, play baroque. 20h00

Recital Hall Elise Lorite, violin and strings. 20h00.

McGill and Concordia Arab Students Associations present in commemoration of Lebanon's independence, a lecture and slide show with Chris George. 19h30, 514 Stewart Biology, $1 students, $2 general.

Glen Allen, Winner of the 1983 National Newspapers Award will give a features writing seminar at 15h00 today. All are welcome.

Newswriters meeting to follow. Meet in the Daily office.

Staff meeting this Thursday at 13h00.

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The deadline for submission to Dr. R. Ghosh, Faculty of Education is January 4, 1985.

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